GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR ROADS
SURESH CHANDEL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Surface Transport is making efforts to get more funds for the roads;

(b) if so, whether certain State Governments have not utilised the precious foreign assistance given to them for the roads;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether these loans were provided for the various projects of road construction on the assurance that the funds would be drawn as per the prescribed schedule;

(e) the States which have not utilised these funds and action taken against them;

(f) whether his Ministry has decided to sign the loan agreements after procuring the funds for concerned projects; and
(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is currently having six on-going projects of 4-laning and strengthening in the States of Haryana, Punjab, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal, out of a World Bank loan of US$306 million under implementation by State Governments. An amount of US$247 million has been utlised upto September, 2000. The loan closes in June, 2001. Although there have been certain delays in all the cases, the projects are now nearing completion and are likely to be completed by the closing date.

(f) & (g) External agencies provide funds only after signing of loan agreements. Following are the on-going loans from various external agencies:

(i) Asian Development Bank loan package-III for US$245 million.

(ii) Japan Bank for International Co-operation - 4 loan packages for Japanese Y 32060 million.

(iii) World Bank loan package-III for US$516 million.

(iv) Asian Development Bank loan to National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for US$180 million.

All the projects under these loan are being implemented by NHAI.